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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The Alaska Department of Fish and Game announced today that the following areas will be open to purse seining during the times and in the areas listed below.

District 2

The following area **will continue** to be open to purse seining through 8:00 p.m., Wednesday, June 28, 2017:

District 2: will be open north of 54°47.08' N. latitude (located approximately 0.5 nautical miles south of McLean Point Light), south of the northernmost tip of Polk Island located at 55°00.73' N. latitude and west of a line from approximately 2 nautical miles east of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73' N. latitude, 131°55.32' W. longitude to approximately 2.2 nautical miles east and 0.5 nautical miles south of McLean Point Light at 54°47.08' N. latitude, 131°53.96' W. longitude with the following restriction:

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 10

District 10: **will be closed.**

District 12

The following areas will be open to purse seining from **5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2017:**

Section 12-A: will be open in the following areas:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles from the Chichagof Island shoreline south of 58°03.00' N. latitude and north of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63' N. latitude (located one nautical mile south of Point Augusta Light).

Tenakee Inlet: will be open west of a line from the easternmost tip of East Point to South Passage Point Light to South Passage Point and east of the longitude of Corner Bay Point.

Hidden Falls Terminal Harvest Area (THA): **will be closed.**

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Thursday, June 29, 2017:

Section 13-C: will be open with the following restrictions:

Saook Bay: will be closed west of a line from the easternmost tip of Saook Point to the northernmost tip of Point Kennedy;

Rodman Bay: will be closed south and west of a line from the easternmost tip of Point Elizabeth to Point Benham Light;

Sitkoh Bay and Florence Bay: will be closed north of a line from Point Craven to Point Hayes.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that harvest from the Kendrick Bay THA must be kept and reported on a **separate** fish ticket from harvest outside of the Kendrick Bay THA. The statistical area for the Kendrick Bay THA is 102-15 and includes the waters of McLean Arm and Kendrick Bay. The statistical areas for portions of District 2 open outside of the Kendrick Bay THA are 102-10 (Kendrick Bay south) and 102-20 (Kendrick Bay north).

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: For Kendrick Bay THA and the District 2 fishery, NO king salmon may be retained, landed, or sold. This includes king salmon less than 28 inches in length.

For all other fishing areas open outside of THAs, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and sold. King salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. King salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Hidden Falls, Anita Bay, and Neets Bay THAs may be retained and sold. All king salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Friday, June 30, 2017.**

Copies of the “2017 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S1717.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates
Statistical Week 26**Preliminary Estimates Compiled June 27, 2017**

NUMBERS OF SALMON

| Area | King | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total | Boats |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|
| District 2* | 0 | 500 | 1,800 | 1,000 | 70,000 | 73,300 | 93 |
| Point Augusta** | 0 | 150 | 200 | 1,900 | 5,300 | 7,550 | 16 |
| Hidden Falls THA | 20 | 140 | 40 | 60 | 11,000 | 11,260 | 17 |
| Tenakee Inlet | 0 | 300 | 30 | 950 | 3,200 | 4,480 | 7 |
| Deep Inlet THA | 35 | 50 | 0 | 0 | 4,900 | 4,985 | 10 |
| Total | 55 | 1,140 | 2,070 | 3,910 | 94,400 | 101,575 | 143 |

FISH PER BOAT

| Area | King | Sockeye | Coho | Pink | Chum | Total |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| District 2* | 0 | 5 | 19 | 11 | 753 | 788 |
| Point Augusta** | 0 | 9 | 13 | 119 | 331 | 472 |
| Hidden Falls THA | 1 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 647 | 662 |
| Tenakee Inlet | 0 | 43 | 4 | 136 | 457 | 640 |
| Deep Inlet THA | 4 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 490 | 499 |

Kendrick Bay THA harvest to date: 12,500 chum salmon.

Neets Bay THA harvest to date: 1,000 king and 2,000 chum salmon.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 3,200 king and 1,000 chum salmon.

District 10 harvest is confidential.

* District 2: estimated harvest is for 2 days.

**In the Point Augusta Index fishery, pink salmon harvests were 38% of the recent odd year average, and chum salmon harvests were 133% of the ten-year average.

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